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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. – 22. (Cancelled).

23. (Previously presented) An external urinary catheter, having a tip portion and a sheath portion, said external urinary catheter comprising 10-60% citrate plasticizer and 40-90% polyamide-polyether block copolymer.

24. (Cancelled).

25. (Previously presented) The external urinary catheter as claimed in claim 23, wherein said catheter comprises a polystyrene polyethylene/butylene polystyrene compound, another styrenic elastomer compound or elastomeric metallocene polyethylene or metallocene polypropylene, and at least one slip additive.

26. (Previously presented) The external urinary catheter as claimed in claim 25, wherein said at least one slip additive is an amide, such as erucamide, stereamide or oleamide.

27. (Previously presented) The external urinary catheter as claimed in claim 23, wherein at least one area of the catheter has a haze value (according to ASTM Standard Test Method D1003-61) lower than 30%.

28. (Previously presented) The external urinary catheter as claimed in claim 23, wherein the external urinary catheter comprises at least one permeable thermoplastic elastomer and at least one plasticizer.

29. (Previously presented) The external urinary catheter as claimed in claim 28, wherein said external urinary catheter has a thickness of approximately 0.2 mm and has a permeability of at least

500 g/m² / 24 hours.

30. (Previously presented) The external urinary catheter as claimed in claim 28, wherein the thermoplastic elastomer is a polyamide-polyether block copolymer, a polyether ester, a thermoplastic urethane or any other suitable material.

31. (Previously presented) The external urinary catheter as claimed in claim 29, wherein the thermoplastic elastomer is a polyamide-polyether block copolymer, a polyether ester, a thermoplastic urethane or any other suitable material.

32. (Previously presented) The external urinary catheter as claimed in claim 23, wherein the external urinary catheter comprises at least one transparent and permeable thermoplastic elastomer and at least one plasticizer.

33 – 34. (Cancelled).

35. (Currently amended) The external urinary catheter as claimed in claim 24 23, wherein said catheter further comprises a polymer.

36. (Previously presented) The external urinary catheter as claimed in claim 28, wherein said catheter further comprises an addition of a polymer.

37. (Previously presented) The external urinary catheter as claimed in claim 32, wherein said catheter further comprises an addition of a polymer.

38. (Previously presented) The external urinary catheter as claimed in claim 35, wherein said polymer is a polyethylene elastomer, a polyethylene-vinyl acetate copolymer, a graft polyolefin maleic anhydride, an amorphous ethylene-propylene-diene terpolymer, an ionomer or any other suitable material.

39. (Previously presented) The external urinary catheter as claimed in claim 23, wherein said catheter comprises 50-60% polyamide-polyether block copolymer, 10-20% amorphous ethylene-propylene-diene terpolymer and 20-40% citrate plasticizer.
40. (Currently amended) The external urinary catheter as claimed in claim 24 23, wherein said catheter further comprises a release and/or anti-blocking agent, such as an amide or an amorphous silica.
41. (Previously presented) The external urinary catheter as claimed in claim 23, wherein the inner side of the sheath portion is provided with an integral layer of a pressure-sensitive adhesive and the outer side of the sheath portion with an adhesive-rejecting layer.
42. (Original) A kit comprising an external urinary catheter as claimed in claim 23 and a separate adhesive element.
43. (Previously presented) The kit comprising an external urinary catheter as claimed in claim 23 and further comprising interlocking elements.
44. (Previously presented) A method of manufacturing an external urinary catheter having a tip portion and a sheath portion comprising the steps of:
 - a) obtaining a base material comprising 10-60% citrate plasticizer and 40-90% polyamide-polyether block copolymer;
 - b) subjecting said base material to one or more steps in a thermoplastic process; and
 - c) producing said catheter.
45. (Previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 44, wherein said thermoplastic process used to produce said tip portion is injection molding and said thermoplastic process used to

produce said sheath portion is selected from the group consisting of extrusion, extrusion blow molding, injection blow molding and cold rolling.

46. (Previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 45, wherein said tip portion is produced as a separate unit and is subsequently connected with the sheath portion.

47. (Previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 44, wherein said thermoplastic process used to produce said external urinary catheter is entirely by extrusion blow molding.

48. (Previously presented) The external urinary catheter as claimed in claim 23, in which the said at least one area has a haze value (according to ASTM Standard Test Method D1003-61) lower than 15%.

49. (Previously presented) The external urinary catheter as claimed in claim 28, wherein said external urinary catheter has a thickness of approximately 0.2 mm and has a permeability of at least 1000 g/m²/24 hours.

50. (Previously presented) The external urinary catheter as claimed in claim 28, wherein said external urinary catheter has a thickness of approximately 0.2 mm and has a permeability of at least 1500 g/m²/24 hours.